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MOHAWK BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
WILLIAMSTOWN-NORTH ADAMS
Project File No. 607254

Design Public Hearing


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Introduction


- MassDOT Project Manager
 - David Shedd, P.E.
- Town of Williamstown
 - Jason Hoch, Town Manager;
 - Andrew Groff, Town Planner and Conservation Agent;
 - Timothy Kaiser, Director of Public Works
- City of North Adams
 - Richard Alcombright, Mayor;
 - Larysa Bernstein, Community Planner
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
 - Lauren Gaherty
- Design Consultant – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI)
 - Matthew Kearney, P.E., Project Manager
- Environmental Consultants – Nover-Armstrong Associates, Inc




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History of Public Outreach

- **1999 – Local groups began working on a study of a proposed greenway route**
- **2000 – North Adams Feasibility Committee investigated several routes to extend the Ashuwillitcook Trail**
- **2007 – BRPC and Mohawk Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Advisory Committee sponsored a public forum**
- **2007 + 2008 – BRPC staff and residents conducted fieldwork to identify routes**






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History of Public Outreach (cont.)

- 2010 – Feasibility and Investment Study released
- November 3, 2015 – Williamstown Preliminary Design Public Information Meeting
- August 23, 2017 – North Adams Preliminary Design Public Information Meeting





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Project Team




Municipality
Williamstown and North Adams, MA

Consultant Engineering Firm
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.


MassDOT's Highway Division
Responsible for administering the Design Process and providing Resident Engineer Services

Federal Highway Administration
Responsible for Oversight



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Project Area



Williamstown & North Adams
Between Route 7 and Route 2




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Why do we need this project?







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Existing Issues

- Dangerous intersection of Syndicate Road and Route 7 (North Street)
- Lack of *safe, comfortable* on-street bicycle accommodations
- Lack of sidewalks







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Existing Issues (cont.)

- Existing paths are not ADA compliant
- Need for alternative transportation modes







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Existing Issues (cont.)

- Lack of public access to the Hoosic River





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Project Goals

- Provide a safe and user-friendly pedestrian/bikeway trail
 - Off-road facility
 - ADA compliant
 - Alternative transportation choice
 - Recreation
- Connectivity and Accessibility
 - Hoosic and Green Rivers
 - Residential, Commercial and Retail Properties
 - Williams College
 - Harriman-and-West Airport
 - Town/City Facilities
- Intersection Safety
 - Re-align Syndicate Road for improved safety



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Project Goals (cont.)

- Protection
 - Natural and historic resources
 - Private property
- Enhancements
 - Amenities
 - Scenic Vistas and Rest Areas
 - Interpretive Signage
 - Landscaping





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Project Goals (cont.)

- Provide public access to the Hoosic River






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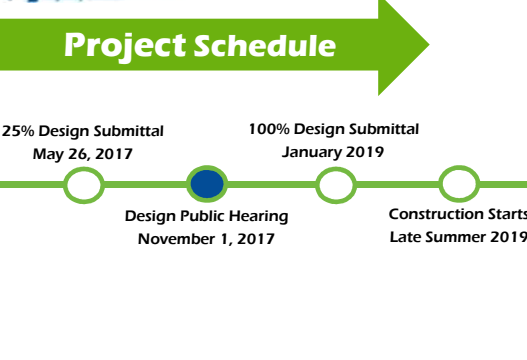
Project Scope

- Construction of 3.5 miles of the Mohawk Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail from Route 7/Syndicate Road intersection in Williamstown to Airport Road Route 2 intersection in North Adams
 - 2.5 miles in Williamstown
 - 1 mile in North Adams (currently in design)
- 10'-12' Trail w/ 2' shoulders
- Bridge over the Green River
- Box culvert to convey intermittent stream
- Pavement markings and signing
- Landscaping, Fencing and Screening
- Parking Areas



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Project Schedule





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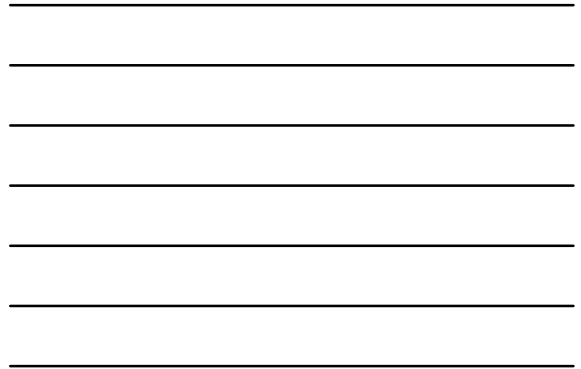
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Proposed Improvements

- 2.5 miles multi-use trail
 - 1.65 miles Hot Mix Asphalt
 - 0.83 miles Unpaved Hard-Packed Surface
- Intersection improvements at crossings
- New bridge over the Green River
- Alternative transportation corridor
- Recreational opportunities
- Decreased congestion and emissions

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Proposed Improvements

Cole Avenue

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- Cole Avenue Crossing
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)




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Proposed Improvements

Green River Crossing

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- Single-Span Bridge over the Green River (Bridge No. W-37-038)





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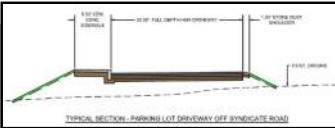
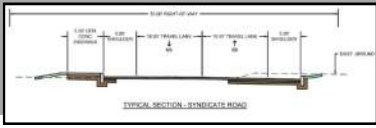
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Proposed Improvements

Typical Sections

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- Typical Sections




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Environmental Permitting



- MEPA/NEPA
- Section 106
- Chapter 91 Waterways License
- MassDEP Post-Closure Use Permit
- Wetlands Protection Act
- Conservation Management Permit
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- Section 404 ACOE Permit



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Next Steps/Meeting

North Adams 25% Design Submission
January 2018

North Adams Design Public Hearing
May 2018

Combined 75% Design Submission
September 2018




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Thank You
Q&A

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